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FOR AF/W AMBASSADOR KRYZA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, AFSP, MR
SUBJ: SUGAR REFINERY

REF: STATE 140418

1. RESPONSES KEYED TO REFTEL:

A. RETAIL PRICE OF SUGAR IN NOUAKCHOTT IS 55 UM PER KG FOR THE CONE, 50 UM PER KG FOR CUBES AND 40 UM PER KG FOR POWDER.
B. PENDING AVAILABILITY OF STATISTICS ON MARKETQ IZE FROM SONIMEX, WHICH REPORTEDLY COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE UNTIL C.O.B. WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, EMBOFF OBTAINED IMPORTATION FIGURES FOR PROCESSED SUGAR FOR NINE MONTH PERIOD IN 1976 (LATEST AVAILABLE DATA): 8,499,492 KILOS FOR A VALUE OF 552,230,853 UM (\$ 12,272,000 DOLS US). SINCE THIS FIGURE IS BASED ON ONLY EIGHT MONTHS, IT MAY REFLECT TO SOME EXTENT DELIVERY SCHEDULES RATHER THAN CONSUMPTIOVN BUT IS BES UWE CAN DO PENDING RECEIPT SONIMEX DATA. LATEST PUBLISHED FIGURES (1973) SHOW IMPORTS OF 18,753 TONS VALUED AT 445,103,600 UM (\$9,891,191 FOLS US).
C. IMPORT DUTY ON RAW SUGAR IS 13.12 PERCENT OF VALUE C.I.F.
D. TAX ON THE FINISHED PRODUCT AMOUNTS TO 14.24 PERCENT OF VALUE C.I.F.

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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH DUNBAR JUNE 4, KOCHMAN LAID HEAVY STRESS ON HIS VIEW THAT LANG-PRITCHARD, THROUGH ITS OWN ADMITTED INCOMPETENCE, HAD CAUSED COSTS OF THE REFINERY PROJECT TO RISE FROM 9 MILLION DOLS TO 34MILLION DOLS. HE CONSIDERED LATEST EFFORT TO FORCE GIRM INTO GETTING FURTHER FINANCING AS TAXING MAURITANIAN GOOD WILL TOO GREATLY. HE

ALSO OBJECTED IN STRONG TERMS TO FAILURE OF AMERICAN INTER-
LOCUTORS TO DEAL WITH HIM, AND HIM ALONE, ON PROJECT.

3. KOCHMAN PRESENTLY PLANS TO RETURN TO US ON JUNE 8. HE
GAVE CHARGE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS FOR XEROXING AND RETENTION FOR YOU.
AMONG THESE WAS THICK BOOKLET, ENTITLED " REPORT ON THE US-FINANCED
SUGAR REGINERY PROJECT FOR LA REPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE DE MAURITANIE,"
AND DATED APRIL 25, 1978.
WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED AT APRIL 27 MEETING. WE XEROXED ALL
DOCUMENTS EXCEPT BOOKLET AND HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH
COPY OF LATTER. DUNBAR

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